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Mr. Shawn Garvin
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Division Director (3AP00)

Dear ^{Shawn}Mr. Garvin:

In a July 23, 2012, letter from Diana Esher, Director of The Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), asked the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (Department) to withdraw the 2009 Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget (MVEB) that was submitted with the 1997 8-hour ozone attainment demonstration for the Philadelphia Area.

The EPA is unable to approve the 2009 MVEB that was previously submitted, because the Department withdrew the 1997 8-hour ozone attainment demonstration from consideration by EPA. Consequently, the Department is asking that EPA withdraw from consideration the 2009 MVEB that were submitted as part of the 1997 8-hour ozone attainment demonstration for the Philadelphia Area.

On November 6, 2012, the Department submitted a new proposed state implementation plan (SIP) revision to EPA for approval, establishing a 2009 MVEB for the 1997 annual PM_{2.5} national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for the Philadelphia-Wilmington, Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Delaware (PA-NJ-DE) nonattainment area. This proposed SIP revision is currently being evaluated by EPA. After approval, the 5-county Philadelphia area will have applicable annual MVEBs for oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) and PM_{2.5} for 2009 and 2008 daily MVEBs for NO_x and volatile organic compounds.

Thank you for consideration of our request. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dean Van Orden, Assistant Director of the Bureau of Air Quality by e-mail at dvanorden@pa.gov or by telephone at 717.787.9702.

Sincerely,


Michael L. Krancer
Secretary

